

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

Skarp et al.

Appl. No.

10/003,749

Filed

October 23, 2001

For

PROCESS FOR PRODUCING

ALUMINUM OXIDE FILMS AT

LOW TEMPERATURES

Examiner

Bret P. Chen

Group Art Unit 1762

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In an Office Action mailed March 21, 2003, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I

Claims 1-19, 22, drawn to a method, classified in class 427, subclass 255.31.

Group II

Claims 20-21, drawn to a product, classified in class 428, subclass 702.

In a telephone discussion with the Examiner on March 20, 2003, Applicants representative elected Group I, Claims 1-19 and 22. Applicants hereby confirm this election of the claims of Group I.

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Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for examination on the merits and respectfully request the same.

Respectfully submitted,

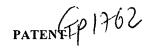
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

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